

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING A GLOBAL TRANSLATOR TO  
SYNCHRONIZE WORKSPACE ELEMENTS ACROSS A NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A system uses a global translator to automatically synchronize multiple copies of a workspace element across different formats between multiple sites in a secure network environment, independent of whether the sites are protected by site firewalls. The secure network environment includes a global server connected to multiple clients. The system includes a first store for storing a first workspace element in a first format, a second store for storing a second workspace element which is an independently-modifiable copy of the first workspace element in a second format, a communications channel coupling the first store to the second store, synchronization means for synchronizing the first workspace element and the second workspace element, and a translator for translating between the first format and the second format.